

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY AMMAN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 0536

INFO AMEMBASSY BEIRUT PRIORITY

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S E C R E T AMMAN 0836

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, JO, US, XF, OVIP (SECRETARY CYRUS VANCE)

SUBJECT: SECVISIT

REF: AMMAN 0812 (NOTAL)

1. EMBASSY SPOKE WITH HEAD OF ROYAL COURT SHARAF LATE FEBRUARY  
12. SHARAF SAID KING APPRECIATES GREATLY SECRETARY'S CONCERN  
IN CONDOLENCE MESSAGE IN OPENING POSSIBILITY OF POSTPONEMENT,  
BUT WISHES TO CARRY ON WITH PRESENT PLANS FOR VISIT FEBRUARY  
18.

2. STATE MOURNING PERIOD WILL BE COMPLETED. GOVERNMENT MAY  
WISH TO CURTAIL AIRPORT CEREMONIES AND WILL LET US KNOW SHORTLY.  
PLAN FOR SECRETARY, UNDERSECRETARY HABIB, ASSISTANT SECRETARY  
ATHERTON AND TWO OTHERS TO STAY IN GUEST WING AT HASHEMIYAH  
PALACE CONTINUES IN EFFECT AS DOES KING'S DINNER AND  
BREAKFAST.

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3. WE RAISED WITH SHARAF WHETHER IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR  
SECRETARY TO PLACE A WREATH AT QUEEN'S GRAVE. SHARAF SAID IT  
WAS ENTIRELY UP TO US, BUT IT WOULD BE A GESTURE WHICH KING  
AND JORDAN WOULD APPRECIATE. KING WOULD NOT PLAN TO BE PRESENT.  
WE DISCUSSED POSSIBILITY OF TAKING TEN MINUTES BEFORE BREAKFAST  
FEBRUARY 19, WITH MEMBERS OF PARTY ATTENDING BREAKFAST  
ACCOMPANYING SECRETARY ON WALK TO GRAVE SITE ON HILL SOUTH OF

PALACE TO LEAVE A FLORAL WREATH. EMBASSY CAN PROVIDE WREATH  
LOCALLY AND ARRANGE OTHER NECESSARY DETAILS. PLEASE ADVISE  
REACTION.  
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